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Business-Technology Alignment (BTA) Monthly Status Report

**October 1, 2002
through
October 31, 2002**



Support and Efforts

- The FSA Business-Technology Alignment (BTA) initiative provides for the following efforts:
 - Identify and research disruptive technologies, FSA enterprise project topics, and projects that have non-standard technical needs for the AWG agenda
 - Select, build and populate an FSA enterprise architecture support tool, to follow the modified Zachman framework
 - Maintain the Technology Policies, Standards and Products Guide, the Technology Infrastructure Blueprint document and TIB web site.



Between October 1, 2002 and October 31, 2002 the Business-Technology Alignment (BTA) continued to make progress in aligning business to technical decisions.

Activities: October 1, 2002 – October 31, 2002

Architecture Working Group (AWG) Activities

- Conducted the AWG meeting on October 16.
 - Presentations included an overview of the FSA Enterprise Security Architecture, the status of the Autonomy search engine and the review of the Electronic Mass Mailing recommendations.
 - Followed-up with each member to solicit issues in their areas that could be addressed during the next meeting.
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Architecture Support Group (ASG) Activities

- It was decided that the AWG should adopt the Electronic Mass Mailing recommendations.
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Technology Policy, Standards and Products Guide

- The most recent Technology Policy, Standards and Products Guide was published to the FSA Net.
 - The newly adopted Electronic Mass Mailing recommendations were added to the next version of the document.
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Enterprise Architecture Tool

- Developed additional conceptual information models and business context diagrams.



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Activities: October 1, 2002 – October 31, 2002 (continued)

**Technology
Infrastructure Blueprint
(TIB)**

- The TIB has been newly updated. Recent changes include adding DMCS and updating various projects.
 - In September, the TIB home page was ranked the third most visited area on the FSA net.
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**GUI Guidelines/Web
Style Guide for making
documents accessible
using a browser**

- Met the the FSA Content Management area to communicate the GUI Guidelines/Web Style template and process and found there is possible use for this template and process in this area.
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**Transitioned all project
activities to appointed
FSA personnel**

- Conducted transition meetings for all efforts under the BTA task order.
- Received a CD from the BTA team of the project templates and documents.



Issues and Risks.

October 1, 2002 – October 31, 2002

The governance and enterprise architecture efforts will be operate with FSA personnel.

- The BTA team has lost all funding for the FY'03. The last day of support is October 31, 2002. All activities and efforts have been transitioned to appointed FSA personnel.



Planned Future Activities

- Beginning November 1, 2002, all BTA activities and efforts will be conducted by FSA personnel.



Appendices

Appendix I:

- Updated Project Plan for BTA Phase II
- AWG Meeting Materials for October
- Technology Infrastructure Blueprint document
- Enterprise Architecture Work Product Tracking Spreadsheet
- BTA Transition Plan & Schedule
- Updated FSA Enterprise Architecture - HTML *(see enclosed CD)*
- FSA Metamodel Diagrams & Class Type Definitions *(see enclosed CD)*
- All BTA Relative Files & Documents *(see enclosed CD)*